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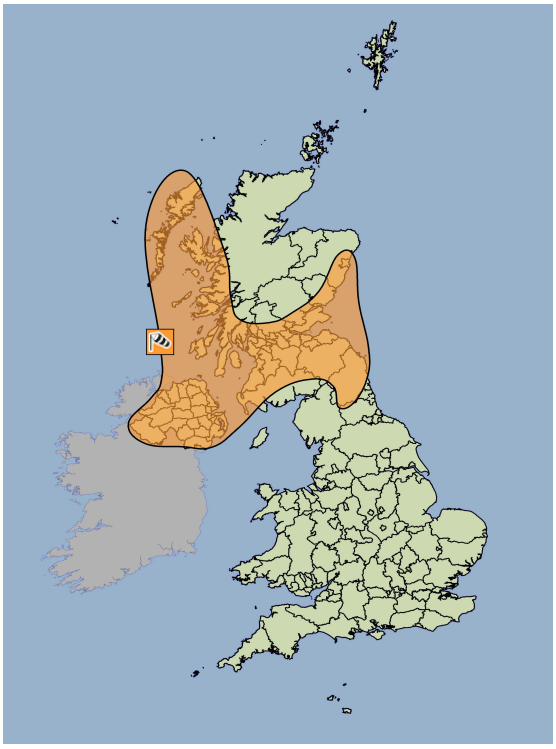

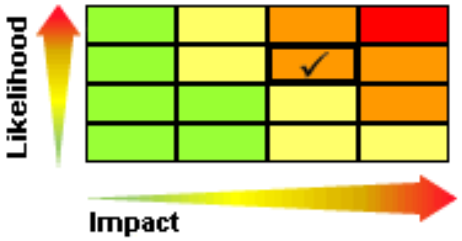

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A rapidly deepening area of low pressure is expected to track close to northern Scotland during Friday. There remains some uncertainty over the exact track of the depression and the depth of it, which in turn leads to uncertainty in the location and strength of the strongest winds. However, there is higher confidence now in the likelihood of a period of very strong winds early on Friday.

Winds will be notably gusty over, and to the lee of, high ground. In addition, some very strong, squally gusts are likely as a cold front moves eastwards, affecting Northern Ireland first then Scotland and northern England, before moving out into the North Sea by late morning.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **03:00 on Fri, 29th Jan 2016** until **10:00 on Fri, 29th Jan 2016**

West to southwesterly gales are expected to develop widely across Scotland, Northern Ireland and parts of northern England early on Friday. Winds are expected to widely gust 60-70 mph, possibly up to 80 mph along exposed coasts and over hills.

Be prepared for the likelihood of difficult driving conditions and disruption to travel, such as cancellation to ferry services and bridge closures. Some structural damage is also possible, as well as disruption to power supplies. Heavy rain and surface water will be additional hazards in places.

Winds will moderate from the west later on Friday morning.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

Issued by the Met Office at 10:33 on Thu, 28th Jan 2016

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